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IN RE APPLICATION OF: HEILAND

SERIAL NO.: 09/297,406

FILED: APRIL 29, 1999

FOR: CLAMPING DEVICE AND
PRODUCTION PROCESS

EXAMINER: BRITTAIN, JAMES R.

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- ☒ Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-referenced application:
- ☒ Amendment

STATUS

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☒ small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TIME

- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$0.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested: No Extension fee due with this request

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

☒ The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+140=	\$	x280=	\$0	
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- ☒ No additional fee for claims required.
☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$0.00

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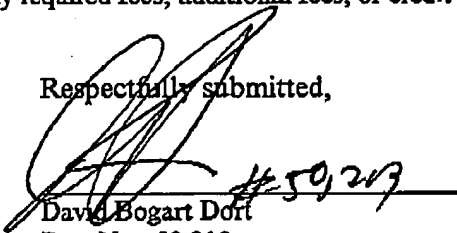
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 30, 2003


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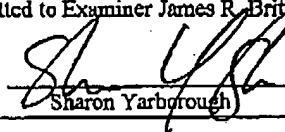
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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Examiner Brittain:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.